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AMERICANS IN MEXICO AT OWN RISK

President Maintains Waiting Policy, Holding That U. S. Citizens in Southern Republic Assumed All the Chances

Washington, Jan. 13.—Congress was asked today to clothe President Wilson with authority to intervene forcibly in Mexico. Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, majority whip, introduced a resolution thus to authorize the chief executive to use a free hand with the army and navy forces to the extent they are now used in policing Nicaragua and Haiti. He proposed, too, that this power be given so that in case of necessity America might punish violation of United States' rights and protect United States' property.

This move, the direct outgrowth of the bloody slaughter of 18 Americans at Santa Ysabel, was followed by a speech, however, in which the Illinois legislator defended the administration's policy of patient and watchful waiting.

On the other side of the capitol there were fiery words from Congressman Slayden, Texan, anent the Mexican situation.

Wilson Maintains Policy

President Wilson, however, refused to be swayed for the present from his Mexican policy. He upheld his premier in the latter's announcement that the Santa Ysabel victims went into Mexico in the face of a warning that they would do so at their own peril.

From Mexican Ambassador Arredondo comes word to Secretary Lansing deploring the assassinations, pledging action to revenge them and to protect Americans in the future.

The Lewis resolution read:

"Resolved, by the senate, house concurring, that the president be and hereby is authorized and empowered to order the army and navy or any necessary part thereof to Mexico, and there co-operate with any force existing, which to the president shall seem appropriate, for the object of protecting American citizens, the property of the United States, and to punish those violating the securities of its citizens; and to authorize the president to utilize the military and naval forces in Mexico to the same extent as is now by law permitted in Nicaragua and Haiti for the protection of American rights."

Resolution Means Intervention

Under this resolution intervention in Mexico could be complete. The senator did not indicate whether Pre-

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HEAVIEST FALL OF SNOW SINCE 1893

Portland, Jan. 13.—The biggest snowfall since '93! That's what old timers exclaimed to one another as they shoveled off their walks this morning. Twenty-four hours, almost to the minute, the snow fell without cessation, driven most of the time by a twenty to thirty mile gale. The coldest weather for seven years had moderated today and the weather man said the mercury would continue to crawl upwards. Ten inches of snow covers the ground in Portland, and in places outside the city it reaches a depth of more than a foot. The wind struck the suburbs viciously, piling up drifts five feet deep in many places.

Traffic on the upper Columbia river is practically paralyzed because of floating ice.

U. S. VOLUNTEERS MAY SEEK SCALP OF VILLA BANDITS

El Paso, Jan. 13.—American miners from Mexico, enraged at American Consul Edwards' part in obtaining the entrance of the Santa Ysabel victims into Mexico, today forcibly ejected him from the lobby of the Sheldon hotel here. He ran up the street and escaped them for the time being. At first they followed him, loudly denouncing the administration and blaming it for the massacre. Edwards tried to argue and several threw him into the street.

As responsibility for the Americans' entrance into Mexico is at issue, Edwards (consul at Juarez) declared that General Gavira, Juarez commandant, had personally assured him that it was safe for them to return to Mexico and resume mining operations.

Moreover, he claimed that the district they would traverse would be completely dominated by General Carranza. American mining companies are considering sending a regiment of American volunteers to exterminate Villa and his bandits infesting the mining regions, if Carranza will give permission for such action.

SERIOUS ILLNESS OF KAISER DENIED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The United Press is officially authorized to deny rumors that the Kaiser is seriously ill. His illness has never been serious, officials declared. It was necessary for him to remain indoors at the imperial palace only a few days. He is now improved to such an extent that he is conferring daily with members of the general staff.

The above exclusive report, obtained by the United Press Berlin correspondent, is the first official word regarding the Kaiser's condition since the first bulletin of several weeks ago, saying that the Kaiser was suffering from "cellular inflammation," and unable to visit the western front. It is the first direct Berlin report since then to Pass the censor. Other stories, originating outside of Germany, persisted in claiming that the Kaiser was dying.

BRIDEGROOM LANDS IN JAIL FOR BOGUS CHECKS

Portland, Jan. 13.—Charles W. Morrison, of Corona, New Mexico, is in the city jail here today, and his bride of two weeks is making desperate efforts to get him out. Morrison is accused of forging checks and drafts to the extent of \$11,500. The money he used to defray the expenses of his honeymoon. Two weeks ago Morrison was married to Miss Adele B. Robinson, in Los Angeles. He had quarreled with his father, who refused him money. Morrison admits that he used a forged check for \$250 with which to buy Miss Robinson's engagement ring. He expected to redeem the check, but could not, so passed more. He came to Portland because his father had given him tickets to this city.

TEXAS GOVERNOR AGAINST INTERVENING

Washington, Jan. 13.—In a reply to a message sent by President Wilson to officials along the border asking their opinions as to the best thing the administration could do to preserve order and prevent further outrages, Governor Ferguson of Texas today counseled against intervention until the nation is better prepared for such a step.

BELOW-ZERO WEATHER IN EAST

Stock Interests Suffer in Extreme Cold, and Fruit Growers Fear That Trees Will Be Damaged in Middle West

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Below zero weather gripped the country today from the Rocky mountains to the great lakes and beyond. From all points came reports of the lowest January temperatures in years.

Trains crept in here from six to twelve hours late, due to storms. The weather prophets held out no hope for relief before Saturday in the cold belt, and while the thermometer here was six below last night, they forecasted that it might go as low as 18 below tonight.

Kansas felt the bite of a winter storm, the worst in several years, with the mercury down below the zero point. Nebraska, too, had similar conditions, while in South Dakota the thermometer mercury nearly got lost in registering low figures.

West of the Rockies a cold snap in some parts made the middle west cold wave seem like summer weather. In Montana 35 degrees below zero was hailed as real warm (comparatively speaking).

From Canada came reports of 58 below.

The storm and cold weather played havoc with telephone and telegraph service as well as with train schedules. A score of trains were stalled in Iowa.

Damage to stock was feared in many sections, while fruit growers anticipated the extreme cold would be particularly detrimental to their trees.

Great Falls, Mont., Jan. 13.—Thirty-five degrees below zero stands as the record today—not the coldest, but the warmest spot in northern Montana. This was at Great Falls. Malta reported 58 below zero and Glasgow 56 below.

CARRANZA'S MEXICAN GOVERNMENT NOW TO BE PUT TO SUPREME TEST

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 13.—General Carranza's Mexican government stood on trial today, facing its crucial test, as a result of the bloody murder of 18 Americans by bandits at Santa Ysabel.

Upon the first chief's ability or inability to punish the murderers depends the administration's course in Mexican affairs. President Wilson and the state department awaited word as to Carranza's steps to capture the marauders. This word was expected today; in fact, press reports indicated that the chieftain had already sent a band of troopers in pursuit.

Indications were that Carranza would seek to satisfy the administration in its request for punishment of the bandits, for security for other Americans south of the Rio Grande, and for protection of vast American mining properties.

The Mexican legation gave assurances that Secretary Lansing's suggestions will be met. Meanwhile the first outbreak of indignation among officials and in congress was unalloyed. Another outburst of oratory in exhortation of the administration's Mexican policy, with renewed demands for intervention, impended.

ITALIANS MAY AID ALLIES IN BALKANS

King Victor Emmanuel Is Contemplating Going to Relief of Montenegrins in Attempt to Save Cetinje

Rome, Jan. 13.—Italian soldiers may be ordered to relieve the hard-pressed Montenegrins within two days, in an effort to save Cetinje from almost certain capture by the Austrians. The subject, it is believed, was considered today in a conference to which King Victor Emmanuel summoned military chiefs and cabinet officers. It is known that Montenegrin affairs were discussed.

The Montenegrin crown prince and his wife reached Rome from Cetinje just before King Victor Emmanuel arrived from the front after an eight months' absence from Rome. The prince visited Foreign Minister Sonnino and then King Victor Emmanuel and presented the appeal of the Montenegrin king, Nicholas, for help.

It is rumored that Queen Helena of Italy, daughter of King Nicholas, participated in the conferences. This may cause a startling change in Balkan affairs. It was reported that she telegraphed the king alarming reports concerning the Austrian invasion of Montenegro, which resulted in bringing him home from his own battle lines.

SNOW STORM CLAIMS ONE VICTIM IN PORTLAND

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Portland, Jan. 13.—One death stood today as the record of yesterday's cold and snow storm. Audley R. McClellon is believed to be the name of the victim. Found exhausted and blue with cold in a pool room yesterday afternoon, McClellon died a few hours after reaching the emergency hospital. A card in his pocket indicated that his home was in Los Angeles.

MEXICAN MONEY NOW CIRCULATED WITHOUT VALUE

San Francisco, Jan. 13.—Nearly every peso of the paper money now in circulation in Mexico is valueless. The de facto government recognized by the United States government has no authority under the constitution to issue currency. This was the contention in the United States court here today of Arthur Brand, San Francisco attorney, who is defending Jacinto Luengo and Lorenzo Aribeaux. The Mexicans confessed to stealing lithographic plates from the Mexican treasury in 1914.

The Mexican congress at the time the stone plates involved in the case were stolen, could not have been in session to authorize issuance of the paper money, Brand declared, because most of its members were in confinement.

"The only valid paper money in Mexico is that issued by banks to whom the Mexican congress gave concessions," said Brand. "The only way to prevent issuance of spurious currency in Mexico is to shoot the printers."

VILLISTA OFFICERS JAILED AT EL PASO

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

El Paso, Jan. 13.—To guard against violence toward them as a result of the Santa Ysabel massacre of Americans, General Manuel Banda and 12 other prominent former Villista officers were thrown into jail today on vagrancy charges.

At the same time, General Manuel Medina, former Villista chief of staff, was jailed on a charge of murder in connection with the execution of Peter Keene, an American ranchman at Rubio, Chihuahua, recently.

The arrests followed discovery of a plot of angry Americans to lynch General Jose Ynez Salazar, who was suspected of ordering Tom Fountain, a popular American mining man, before a Mexican firing squad in Parral, in 1912. The 20 Americans who called at Salazar's hotel were also believed to be bent on other lynchings also, to avenge the Santa Ysabel massacre.

The police, however, learned of the plans and spirited Salazar away in an automobile.

BROTHER MISTAKEN FOR DEER AND KILLED

Eugene, Jan. 13.—Because his brother mistook him for a deer, Perry Lowe's body lies in the morgue here today and Coroner Veatch is tramping through the McKenzie valley hills on a tour of investigation. Perry and Alden Lowe were hunting and were separated in the woods. Alden declares he saw something moving in the brush and fired. A scream of pain followed the shot. Fifteen minutes later his brother was dead.

TROOPS ARE HUNTING MEXICAN BANDITS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Chihuahua, Mex., Jan. 13.—A pursuit train to capture and kill the Santa Ysabel bandits left yesterday morning, while another followed this morning with several troops of cavalry. General Trevino ordered his men to continue the chase until every one of the bandits is captured and shot.

Grave fears were felt today for other members of the family of Bert Kramer, American, known to have been executed in the Guerrero district. It is reported that the bandits responsible for his death were led by General Rodriguez.

MANY WATER RIGHTS ARE RECORDED

State Engineer Issued 581 Permits During the Year 1915, Involving Irrigation of 87,329 Acres of Land

During the year ending December 31, 1915, the state engineer issued 581 permits for the appropriation and storage of water. These permits call for the irrigation of 87,329 acres of land, the development of 30,756 horsepower and the storage of 285,669 acre feet of water, and cover municipal supply for Tillamook, Oregon City, Gaston, Amity, Falls City, Portland, Milton, Cove, Halfway, East Side, Marshfield, Lakeside, Newport, and Reedsport. The total estimated cost of all works to be constructed under these permits is \$5,349,152. In addition to the permits for irrigation, power and municipal supply, a large number have been issued for individual domestic supply, manufacturing, and numerous other uses to which water is applied.

Malheur county leads during the past year for the number of permits issued, there being 109. Josephine county follows with 47; Harney county, 42; Baker county, 41; Grant county, 40; Crook county, 34; Jackson county, 34; Willamette valley, 26 permits have been issued. Of the above permits 117 were issued during the quarter ending December 31, 1915. These permits cover the irrigation of 26,849 acres, the development of 6,111 horsepower and the storage of 201,628 acre feet of water.

The following permits were issued in Josephine County during the past quarter: J. T. Hartley, of Williams, for the irrigation of 30 acres, diverting water

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GEN. HUERTA NEAR DEATH AT EL PASO

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

El Paso, Jan. 13.—While affairs in his fatherland verged on the troublous times he lived through, grim old General Victoriano Huerta, once dictator of Mexico's destiny, lay today on a bed of pain making probably his last fight against death.

Following a sinking spell last night, when the last rites of the church were administered, the "Iron man" lapsed into coma again today, following a brief rally.

Though physicians said his fighting spirit might prolong his life, General Jose Robles, his private secretary, announced that his condition became so serious shortly after seven o'clock this forenoon that death is a matter of but a few hours.

The chieftain had bidden his wife and relatives good-by, and Father Ignacio Mayer had administered extreme unction.

WIFE OF NOTED AVIATOR IS SEEKING DIVORCE

London, Jan. 13.—The petition of Mrs. Grahame-White, the aviator's wife, for restoration of her conjugal rights was granted here today. She has taken the first steps leading to a divorce.